bringing about labour flexibility and generating higher employment opportunities.

Rescue of bonded child labourers

2055. SHRI BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 33 bonded child labourers, working for loom holders in Allahabad district, were recently rescued from their clutches; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the alleged offenders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decline in regular and self-employment

2056. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was decline in regular employment and self-employment in the last one or two decades; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to increase the rate of annual employment growth rate in the country which is dwindling every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Estimates of self-employed and regular employed persons as per Labour Force Surveys conducted by